

# **Gonodactylaceus falcatus**

## **Tiger mantis shrimp**

### Threat scores

- 1. Ecological impact
  - An aggressive species, this barnacle has almost completely replaced a native stomatopod (Pseudosquilla ciliata) from dead coral heads
- 2. Invasive potential
  - Free-swimming planktonic larvae most likely responsible for expansion of its population into an increasingly dead coral habitat, especially in Ka<sup>-</sup>ne<sup>o</sup>ohe Bay
- 3. Geographic extent
  - Locally patchy
- 4. Management Difficulty
  - Eradication unlikely
  - Efforts focus on mitigation and prevention



## Geography and Habitat

- 1. Native: Indo-Pacific
- 2. Introduced: Hawai'i
- 3. Habitats
  - Coral reefs, benthic, marine
  - Dead branching coral heads, clumps of coralline algae, or crevices and small holes in solid reef substrate

#### **Invasion Pathways**

1. Hull/Surface Fouling

#### Non-Native Locations

1. 152- Hawaiian Islands

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